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SUBJECT: MAURITANIAN AND MOROCCAN FOREIGN MINISTERS END AFRICAN
TOUR

1. MAURITANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MOUKNASS AND MOROCCAN FOREIGN
MINISTER LARAKI ARRIVED IN NOUAKCHOTT JULY 15 FOLLOWING SPANISH
SAHARAN EXPLANATORY VISIT TO VARIOUS AFRICAN COUNTRIES. LARAKI
COMMENTED UPON ARRIVAL AT AIRPORT THAT REACTION OF COUNTRIES
VISITED WAS "VERY POSITIVE". SEVERAL COUNTRIES, HE ADDED, PRAISED
IN OFFICIAL DECLARATIONS THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES
AND CALLED ON SPAIN TO NEGOTIATE DECOLONIALIZATION OF SAHARA
WITH MOROCCO AND MAURITANIA. TWO FOREIGN MINISTERS WENT DIRECTLY
FROM AIRPORT TO PRESIDENCY TO REPORT TO OULD DADDAH.

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THERE MAY BE SUBSEQUENTLY MORE PRERLS
COVERAGE OF THIS EXPLANATORY MISSION IN AFRICA, WE ARE STRUCK
BY BREVITY OF REMARKS UPON ARRIVAL IN NOUAKCHOTT. DURING COURSE
OF AFRICAN TOUR, LOCAL PARTY PAPER, CHAAB, REPORTED RELATIVELY
STRONG EXPRESSIONS OF SUPPORT FOR MAURITANIAN/MOROCCAN POSITION
ONLY FROM KENYAN AND TOGOLESE LEADERS. IF LOCAL PRESS COVERAGE
OFFERS ACCURATE GUAGE OF SUCCESS OF MISSION, IT WOUT APPEAR THAT
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